

Great Sand Dunes

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Great Sand Dunes National Park
and Preserve



Free Ranger-Guided Programs

Aug 3rd – Aug 9th, 2014

Sunday Aug 3rd

1:00 pm Discovery Activity - Discover how the Sand Dunes formed, why Medano Creek is unique, what's in the sand, and more! Visitor Center, 20 minutes

3:30 pm Afternoon Program – “Wild about Bears” Join us to learn about Black Bears who inhabit this rich and complex environment. Visitor Center, 30 minutes

8:30 pm Evening Program – “Sand, Sand Everywhere” - Join a park ranger on a road trip adventure across the United States as we discover amazing dune systems located all around the country! Amphitheater, 45 minutes

Monday, Aug 4th

1:00 pm Discovery Activity - Discover how the Sand Dunes formed, why Medano Creek is unique, what's in the sand, and more! Visitor Center, 20 minutes

3:30 pm Afternoon Program – “Dunes Mystery” - Come discover the powerful forces which created the dunes and surrounding pristine environment that stands alone in mystery. Visitor Center, 30 minutes

Tuesday, Aug 5th

1:00 pm Discovery Activity - Discover how the Sand Dunes formed, why Medano Creek is unique, what's in the sand, and more! Visitor Center, 20 minutes

3:30 pm Afternoon Program – “Dunes Mystery” - Come discover the powerful forces which created the dunes and surrounding pristine environment that stands alone in mystery. Visitor Center, 30 minutes

Wednesday, Aug 6th

1:00 pm Discovery Activity - Discover how the Sand Dunes formed, why Medano Creek is unique, what's in the sand, and more! Visitor Center, 20 minutes

3:30 pm Afternoon Program – “Extreme Animals!” – The extreme environment here causes animals to do “extreme sports.” Have fun with a ranger, and meet a live creature. Visitor Center, 30 minutes.

Thursday, Aug 7th

1:00 pm Discovery Activity - Discover how the Sand Dunes formed, why Medano Creek is unique, what's in the sand, and more! Visitor Center, 20 minutes

3:30 pm Afternoon Program – “Dunes Mystery” - Come discover the powerful forces which created the dunes and surrounding pristine environment that stands alone in mystery. Visitor Center, 30 minutes

7:00 pm Sunset Program – “Edible Plants in the Park”- Enjoy some edible plant snacks and learn about beauty, diversity, and survival among the plant world at Great Sand Dunes. Sand Sheet Trail, Visitor Center, 30 minutes

Friday, Aug 8th

1:00 pm Discovery Activity - Discover how the Sand Dunes formed, why Medano Creek is unique, what's in the sand, and more! Visitor Center, 20 minutes

3:30 pm Afternoon Program – “Wild about Bears” Join us to learn about Black Bears who inhabit this rich and complex environment. Visitor Center, 30 minutes

8:30 pm Evening Program – “Dunes, Stars, and Mars”- Sand dunes like the unique formations at Great Sand Dunes aren't only found on this planet. . . but on Mars too! Come arouse your curiosity with the wonder of interplanetary dunes and their place among the stars. Telescope viewing will take place at end of program, weather permitting. Amphitheater, 45 minutes

Saturday, Aug 9th

1:00 pm Discovery Activity - Discover how the Sand Dunes formed, why Medano Creek is unique, what's in the sand, and more! Visitor Center, 20 minutes

3:30 pm Afternoon Program – “Rhythm of the Dunes” - Come discover the fascinating wildlife of the dunes! Visitors will get to produce percussion beats within this unique and diverse environment. Visitor Center, 30 minutes

8:30 pm Evening Program – “The Dunes Yesterday. . .and Today!” – See the diverse ways people have experienced the dunes in the past. . . and how we enjoy the park today! Fun songs, real artifacts, prehistoric mammal fossils, and historic and contemporary photos on the big screen. Amphitheater, 45 minutes